

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

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Referring to FIG. 2, a process of selectively activating a personal digital assistant (PDA) or mobile phone in an electronic device according to the invention will now be described. First in step 210, a menu containing two options is shown on screen for selection since display means 12 is activated after being powered on. Thus, the user may select one of the options by clicking through the activated input means 11. In step 220, after the two options have been displayed and the user has selected one of the options, a determination is made by CPU 10 whether the mobile phone option is selected. If yes, the process goes to step 230, and the mobile phone option is activated. If not no, the process goes to step 240 and the mobile phone option is not activated. Since the process goes to step 240 if the mobile phone option is not selected, step 230 is only carried out when the mobile phone option is selected following display of the two options. In step 230, CPU 10 reads an operating program stored in mobile phone ROM 21 for showing a prompt of the mobile phone. Then CPU 10 closes switch means 15 so as to command transceiver means 14 through the control circuit 20. Thus, messages are transmitted from antenna 13 or received by antenna 13. The process goes to step 250. In step 240, CPU 10 is activated by an operating program stored in PDA ROM 22 for showing a prompt of the PDA. At this time, the selected PDA option is under the control of control circuit 20. The process then goes to step 250. In step 250, the user may operate the electronic device for reading data from RAM 23 or writing data into RAM 23.

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By utilizing this, the user may selectively activate a personal digital assistant (PDA) or mobile phone in an electronic device, so that the mobile phone is only turned on if the user selects the mobile phone option from a menu, thereby eliminating the drawback of violating flight safety rules by unintentionally turning on a mobile phone while taking an airplane in the prior art. Further, such option can greatly enhance the adaptability of the electronic device, thus attracting more people to use it.